

**DRAFT MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
9 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WELLS ROAD, CHILCOMPTON**

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pike (Chairman), Duggan, Foster, Gill, Pickford, Rideout, Stanford and Travis. PCSO Nikki Housley. MDCllrs John and Rachel Carter. PCSO Housley.

Apologies: Cllrs Aldridge, Morgan, Mattick and Thwaites.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone, whatever their age):** Four local residents addressed the subject of pot holes (as big as four inches deep) on Abbey Road. Tam Tootil of Downside has apparently said that Downside do not own the road. Despite the fact that they have repaired it in the past and residents have paid a levy to the Abbey. MDCllrs Carter to go back to talk to Downside. A solution would be for Highways to adopt it.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In 5 Hollwey, cllrs volunteered not selected. In 18 Greenditch Close not Lane.
4. **MDCllr John Carter:** Planning permission on Beauvoir House has been turned down because it is out of keeping – the issue will go before MDC Board on 16/9. Mendip were in discussion with other District Councils about amalgamating services.
5. **Ongoing & Matters Arising:**
- a) **Affordable housing in Parsonage Lane:** Now going through.
- b) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** At the July meeting the PC had approved the 'b' option at £180,000 with some alterations to bring the costs down. Cllrs Morgan and Duggan to arrange a meeting with Somerset officers to discuss the plan. At the meeting they would discuss the Mulberry contribution. One of the MDCllrs Carter would also attend and Pauline Bell, one of the local residents.
- c) **Police Report:** PCSO Housley said that: on 9/7 a vehicle was broken into and a SatNav stolen. 13/7 A vehicle hit a bus between Chilcompton and Midsomer Norton. 1/8 A vehicle hit a parked car at Nennell Cottages. 7/8 Sheep on Parsonage Lane. 28/8 Burglary on the Street. PCSO Housley reported that she was still monitoring Station Mead play area and would also keep an eye on Montsurs Close and Greenditch Close.
- d) **War memorial:** Clerk to buy two flimsy plastic bollards. Re the repairs Cllr Stanford said that Cllr Mattick had contacted Steve Davis but it was unlikely they would be done by November.
- e) **Des Mattick:** It was reported that the bench to honour Des had arrived at Manor Farm. Cllr Paul Mattick to install.
- f) **Phone box:** Clerk reported that he had written to the Pitchings residents asking if they could try to avoid parking in front of the phone box if it was made into a mini art gallery but had had little response. Clerk to contact Lizzie Morris to see if she was still committed to the idea. Ongoing.
- g) **Councillor information:** Cllrs Aldridge and Mattick still to send profiles to the clerk. Clerk to chase.
- h) **Signposts:** Clerk reported that the signposts near Blagdon that had been restored were funded by Mendip AONB, funds that had been exhausted. Clerk reported that SCC had said there were no funds but Chilcompton could go ahead so long as the village kept certain conditions. It was reported that Uphills were not interested but Cllr Mattick had another idea.

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- i) **NHS for middle aged:** NHS health check scheme for those aged between 40 and 74 to go ahead at the village hall on September 18th. Contact Cllr Stanford for bookings, there were two places left.
 - j) **Footpaths:** There was a discussion about path CL30, how open was it and the delicate question of people crossing the sports field with dogs. It was reported that the stile was broken. It was also reported that there were brambles on a stile on CI 29. Clerk to report. Re Himalayan Balsam on paths, the clerk reported that he was still trying to get hold of the owner of the field in the Valley. Clerk was asked to put the general issue of unwanted intrusive plants on the agenda for next month.
 - k) **Parsonage Lane visibility:** Clerk reported that Highways can do no more as the trees were on private land. Clerk to contact Chris Barnes on Parsonage Lane who owned it.
 - l) **Adopt-a-path:** Awaiting public feedback from newsletter and website.
 - m) **Flags:** Cllr Pickford reported that she had given the flag list to Shaun Maundrill. And would also give it to the VHMC.
 - n) **Local Plan:** Cllr Pike to type up village questionnaire to help with the local plan. Cllrs were reminded that MDC were coming on the 9th October as part of the part two public consultation process.
 - o) **Station Mead Play Area:** See (c) above.
 - p) **Drains:** Clerk to report continuing concerns, in particular outside the Old Bakery on Baker's Lane and above the Drang on the Wells Road. Cllr Duggan observed that whilst the drains might be cleared the pipes that led to them could be blocked.
 - q) **Jane Richardson email:** Clerk to reply that concerns 1 and 3 about Greenditch Close and Parsonage Lane respectively were Somerset CC highways matters and that a dog poo bin (2) would be considered at the next relevant opportunity.
 - r) **184 Bus service:** Clerk to find out whether the new 184 service run by Libra would be coming through Chilcompton.
 - s) **Montsurs Close lines:** Clerk to keep writing.
6. **Committee reports: The Old Rec** – Cllr Pickford reported that the Youth Shelter at the New Rec was indeed owned by the Skate Park Committee. Clerk to write to Margaret Pugh saying that PC would like to use it at the Old Rec, and offering £500. **Youth Club** – Cllr Pike reported that two of the volunteers were having trouble getting to the club so there may be an issue as to who would run it in the future. **Speedwatch** – Cllr Stanford said that Cllr Morgan should circulate the information about all the local villages' speeding information. Clerk to contact Cllr Morgan. **Hollwey** – Cllr Stanford said thanks should be expressed to the service attendees. Clerk to write letters. Cllr Pickford reminded Cllr Pike that he was going to get a photograph for the wall. **Ponds** – Cllr Mattick to get quotes on weed clearance.
7. **Newsletter:** Clerk reported that this was all but ready to go to print, but asked if the PC would pay an extra £200 to make the journal half-colour. This was approved.

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- 8. Clerk salary review:** Clerk left the room for this. On his return he was told he had been given one increment instead of the two he has received in past years. Now on SCP20. Clerk to think long and hard about this and alter accordingly.
- 9. Litter Pick:** This was set for Saturday 10th October at 10.00am. Clerk to confirm availability by the end of the month. Clerk to put it on the website asking for volunteers. Cllr Foster to contact volunteers.
- 10. Street naming:** The following was agreed. Chilcompton Parish Council would like to put forward Turnpike Drive for the naming of the Naishes Cross development. The Naishes Cross road, a small part of the B3356, was the original Great Western Turnpike road until 1834 when the new B3139 was constructed. The development is the only site adjacent to the old turnpike road where the turnpike name could be used. Turnpike Drive would perpetuate the name and history of the area, which is an important heritage for the village. It conjures up scenes of the old mail coaches travelling from London to Exeter, via Bath, Chilcompton and Wells. Roads named after people are only proposed or supported by the parish council when the personage has given exemplary dedication and long voluntary service to the village. The council, while having great respect for Graham Thorner's memory as a former resident of Chilcompton, is unaware of similar service in this case. Grantham is in Lincolnshire and the parish council cannot see any connection it might have with Chilcompton. However if Turnpike is not accepted the PC would prefer Thorner to Grantham. Clerk to write.
- 11. Planning Applications:** None
- Subcommittee:** (a) 2015/1747 Demolition of existing building to make way for residential development at Sestri, Broadway. Recommend refusal. Reasons: Goes against Village Plan and Village Design Statement. Over devpt of site. Village has the number of houses agreed by the MDC Local Plan. Existing house has a nice design. Flood risk. Road safety.
- 12. Planning Decisions:** (a) 2015/1340 Extension at 3 Bennell Close. Approved. (b) 2015/1555 Two detached dwellings at Overdale, Wells Road. Approved with conditions.

13. Accounts:

910 – Chilcompton Youth Club	- insurance	-	243.00
911 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	13.15
912 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	259.73
913 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	65.00
914 – Broxap	- bench	-	987.60
915 – Primrose	- grasscutting	-	400.00
916 – Royal British Legion	- wreaths	-	40.00
917 – Sue Tandy	- cakes	-	60.00
918 – J.Boxall	- food	-	38.20
919 – SALC	- councillor training	-	20.00

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920 – Grant Thornton	- audit	-	240.00
921 – M.Stanford	- wine and cement	-	104.12

2470.80

Transfer to current account £8,000.00

- 14. Correspondence:** Citizen’s Advice mobile service coming to an end.
- 15. Any Other Business:** Cllr Stanford said the Village Design Statement should be put on the website. Clerk to put it on. Cllr Stanford asked whether anything had happened about the sign above the Drang. Clerk to check with the enforcement officer. Cllr Foster said that street light No.1 Fry’s Well was out. Clerk to report. Cllr Foster said that if the Old Rec sub-com on equipment was not applying for the health & well being grant, the dance class should, or as well. Cllr Pickford said that minutes were being lost. Clerk to include in minutes a line on each email sent out. Cllr Travis said that she had written to Mr Hooper and contacted the council about the drains. Cllr Duggan said that re Sports building there had been an unspecific complaint to the Noise Abatement Officer. Cllr Rideout said that on the path up Bowden Hill there were brambles growing out. Cllr Stanford said he would have a look at it. It was asked whether cllrs could have a PC email address. Clerk to ask Alex Arnold. Cllr Pike thanked everyone for helping on the Hollwey Memorial Service Day.
- 16. Date of next meeting:** This was fixed for Wednesday 14th October 2015. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 23rd September 2015.
- 17. Close:** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.54pm.

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